

COOPER IS LYNCHED.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA MURDERER MET DEATH.

After Making Desperate Resistance Surrendered to the Officers, but Men Hanged Him and Hid His Body With Bullets.

Sumter, S. C., Jan. 9.—Simon Cooper, the negro outlaw, who Thursday murdered three members of the Wilson family and a colored servant, was lynched near here yesterday. Cooper was captured by the sheriff's posse and was being taken to Sumter, when the mob decided to hang him.

The deputy sheriff, aided by two men, resisted the lynchers, but were overpowered. A rope was thrown over a limb of a tree, and as the men swung upward the body was pierced by more than 100 bullets. One bullet cut the rope and the corpse fell to the ground, where the coroner found it some hours later when he went to hold an inquest.

Cooper was captured about noon in a cabin five miles from this place. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning Jake Darwin, colored, went to the house of W. R. Burkitt, a white neighbor, and said that Cooper was at his house asleep. Burkitt rode to Sumter with the news, and a deputy sheriff with a posse of nine men immediately left. A woman and a man were in the house with Cooper. He sent the woman out, and later sent the man out to buy him ammunition in Camden, giving him a sample shell. The man rode over to the posse and gave them the shell.

Cooper was well armed with Winchester, and kept up a continuous fire. The house is a small one, and on a hill in the open, so that the posse could not at first come within range with any degree of safety.

Once Cooper came out of the house with a gun and was taking aim, when a Mr. McCown fired at him. Cooper immediately dropped his gun and seemed to be hit. He did not shoot, but returned to the house.

About noon an advance was made and the posse closed in. After a parley Cooper agreed to come out. Several men posted themselves at the door and as the outlaw stepped out he was seized by armed men. As he stood facing the crowd a shot was fired and Cooper dropped, with a rifle ball through his chest. He was not badly wounded, however, and as he rolled over he made an attempt to get his hand to his trousers. In his shirt a razor was found, while beneath his trousers' band was a loaded revolver.

Cooper was drunk, and after the shot became almost unmanageable.

A search of the cabin revealed a Winchester rifle, two revolvers, a valise filled with cartridges and a number of flasks, some empty and others filled with whisky. On a page torn from a blank book was written:

"Remember that I killed myself. There never was a man that could take me."

SIMON COOPER.

Cooper was placed in a wagon with Mr. McKagan of Sumter and Mr. Turberville of Florence, and the party started for town. The crowd of nearly 100 men followed. There were mutterings of lynching, but the trouble did not culminate until Green swamp was reached, about two miles from Sumter. Then the mob demanded Cooper's surrender, the officers were overpowered and the negro lynched as related.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Cooper "came to his death at the hands of a mob, whose members were unknown to the jury."

Picked Up at Sea.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 9.—As the United States revenue cutter Boutwell was approaching the mouth of St. John's river late Thursday evening the lookout discovered a cat-rigged yawl flying a flag of distress. One of the Boutwell's boats sent to investigate found a sailor in the bottom of the yawl unconscious. He was wasted to a skeleton and his mouth was on his naked forearm, as though he had tried to drink his own blood.

He proved to be Capt. Charles Herman of Providence, R. I., who left that place Nov. 1, accompanied by Charles Gladding, in the yawl Cocheo, for a cruise along the coast of Florida. When they left Charleston on Dec. 26 they were blown out to sea. Their provisions and water were soon exhausted. Last Friday Herman thinks it was, the light house on Anastasia island was sighted. By this time Gladding was crazy and put off for shore in a boat attached to the Cocheo and undoubtedly was lost. Herman remembers nothing else and must have become unconscious shortly after Gladding left. The Cocheo then drifted up the coast with its unconscious master until discovered by the Boutwell. Herman weighed 180 pounds when he left Providence. He now weighs only 110 and is so weak he can hardly raise his hand.

Lola Jones was burned to death at Hamilton, O., the other day.

Rebels Make an Attack.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 9.—Advices received here from Havana show that at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Jan. 2 the insurgent force commanded by Juan Delgado opened fire on the forts at Calabazar, province of Havana. The military governor, Major Justiz, had charge of the troops in the garrison, and they resisted the attack of the insurgents so bravely that the latter were obliged to retreat.

On the following morning the insurgents renewed their attack simultaneously on forts No. 5, 6, 7 and 8 with a lively discharge of musketry, which was answered by the garrison.

At the same time the insurgents burned the dwelling of Senor Fernando Garcia, situated near the railroad station. The bullets flew thickly, many of the missiles penetrating the store of Pedro Bracens in twenty different places. The Spanish troops finally compelled the insurgents to retreat. While the Cubans were retiring they destroyed with their machetes all the tobacco that had been planted in the vicinity. The insurgents also attacked the village of Rancho Boyero, but without result.

Advices received yesterday confirm the report that Calixto Garcia, with 5,000 well armed insurgents, after an engagement upon the arrival of Gen. Bosch's convoy at Bayamo, marched toward Jiguaní, which place they besieged for five days. It is said that the garrison of the town resisted the attack of the insurgents until the arrival of the column of Gen. Bosch, when Garcia and his men retreated toward Santiago de Cuba, countermarching afterward in the direction of Holguin.

The insurgent leader, Jose Maria Aguirre, the dispatch also says, has been shot in the head, but is improving. He is at Aguacate, province of Havana.

One hundred and fifty-six wounded Spanish soldiers arrived at Havana from the province of Pinar del Rio on Tuesday last.

Advices from Havana say that a petition was presented on Tuesday last at the produce exchange by a number of merchants requesting the executive committee of the exchange to send a dispatch to Madrid, on the authority of the wholesale and retail merchants of Havana, addressed to Premier Canovas del Castillo, protesting against the action of the marquis of Apelequia and other Spanish sugar cane grinders who are agitating the question of Capt. Gen. Weyler's recall from Cuba. These grinders claim that Gen. Weyler does not protect their interests by not allowing them to grind, but, on the contrary, thus favors the insurgents' plans. The signers of the petition state that they are above political corruption, and only wish that the truth be made known.

Guarding a Mine.

Ottawa, Ill., Jan. 9.—Sheriff Yockey has left for Rutland village with sixteen special deputies, picked from the old militiamen, and armed with Martin repeating rifles, on a call for help from Deputy Matt Coulson, who has been on the ground ever since Monday night, when the miners at Emerson Hake's shaft threatened to raze the building. The telegram to Sheriff Yockey was to the effect that between 200 and 300 Italians and Austrians were parading the streets and threatening to loot Hake's store and burn the shaft.

The trouble grew out of a break in the scales, which weighed 450 pounds light. It was several days before the miners discovered this. The manager failed to keep his promise to repair the scales and the men quit.

He has refused to pay them the money due, claiming that they are not discharged and must wait until pay day, Jan. 16, for their money. The Rutland miners have been joined by miners from surrounding towns. Many of them are armed. Rutland is a village of 1000 people, half way between Wenona and Minonk.

Held Up and Robbed.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8.—Frank Stewart, an Ottawa (Kan.) farm hand, staggered into the Kansas City police station late Wednesday night suffering from loss of blood. He had been held up and robbed five miles west of the city by two footpads, who after shooting him through the groin, placed his body across the Missouri Pacific tracks. Stewart was scarcely able to roll himself off the track before a train approached. He lay in the snow unconscious several hours before being able to start toward the city. His wound is serious.

Poultry Show.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 9.—The attendance at the territorial poultry show yesterday was large, and Judge H. B. Savage, of Belton, Tex., finished the scoring. The association elected officers yesterday for the year: President, J. J. Wallace, Oklahoma City, re-elected; first vice-president, Thomas Morris, Guthrie; second vice-president, F. C. Brown, of Kingfisher; secretary and treasurer, L. F. Lavery, Guthrie, re-elected; executive committee, L. Oberle, of Edmond; Frank G. Kross, of Guthrie; J. J. Cummings, of Perry, and I. A. Deware, of Oklahoma City.

CABINET PREDICTION

SHERMAN, BLISS AND ALTGELD ON THE SAME SLATE.

Two Negroes Supposed to Have Been Robbed in 1894 Found to Be Still Alive—Russia Obtaining a Firm Foothold on the Korean Peninsula.

Cleveland, Ohio, January 11.—The opinion among those who claim to know is that Senator Sherman will be offered and will accept the secretaryship of State in McKinley's cabinet, and that Mr. Hanna will not be one of the cabinet advisers of the next president. It is believed to be certain that Mr. Hanna will be appointed as the successor of Mr. Sherman in the senate, a place which the president-elect could offer him. Inasmuch as the senatorial appointment would have to be made by Governor Bushnell, the arrangement herein suggested is said to indicate the friendly feeling which Senator-elect Foraker has for the president-elect, and for the chairman of the national committee.

Regarding the selection of Cornelius N. Bliss of New York for secretary of the navy, it is said that Mr. Bliss has been offered the job, but that he deferred his acceptance until he could ascertain whether he could so arrange his business affairs as to permit of his taking the place. General Alger of Michigan is counted as certain to be the secretary of war.

Were Not Lynched.

Birmingham, Ala., January 11.—In the summer of 1894 H. B. Walker, the railroad agent at Suspension, Ga., was shot and robbed by two negroes. Detective Wallace of Columbus, Ga., while trying to arrest Riley Walker and Richard Williams, colored, for the crime, was shot and killed by them. The murder caused great indignation, and when the negroes were arrested they only escaped lynching by being hurried off by train to jail at Montgomery. In August of that year they were taken back to Union Springs and each given a life sentence. The verdict enraged the people so that a mob assembled. The prisoners were placed on a train to be hurried away to Montgomery again. Near Mitchell station a mob stopped the train, boarded it and overpowering the officers, took the negroes off. It was supposed they were lynched.

Saturday, Richard Williams was found and rearrested at Highlog, Bullock county. He had changed his name but finally acknowledged his identity. He says he and Walker, while handcuffed together, one with a rope about his neck, were pushed off the train, and then the mob sprang off one hundred yards further up the track. Mean while the two negroes had scrambled off and ran to a ditch near by where they hid. The mob passed near them, cursing because they could not find them. Later the prisoners went to an old negro's house and got him to cut off their handcuffs with an axe. Then they parted company and fled. Walker's whereabouts are unknown. Williams has since been working at a mill twenty miles from Mitchell.

Corean Affairs.

San Francisco, January 10.—A correspondent of the North China Daily News says:

Russia is gradually securing a firm footing in the peninsula of Corea. A few weeks ago a number of Russian military officers arrived to drill the Corean army. Among these were a ten non-commissioned officers (the number to be increased in future), who occupy quarters within the enclosure of the new palace. These are to act as a sort of body guard to the king, who will doubtless soon leave the Russian legation and occupy the newly-built palace in the foreign settlement of the capital. Russians have also received several concessions, one of which is the cutting of timber in the north and on Dalgat island, off the east coast of Corea.

Cashier Kills Himself.

Lebanon, Pa., January 11.—John M. Gosslin, aged 40 years, cashier of the Lebanon National bank, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head. He will die. His wife and two children had gone to church, leaving him in the house alone. Besides his connection with the bank, he was teacher of a large Bible class in the Lutheran church. For some time past his health has not been good, and this it is believed, prompted him to end his life. His accounts with the bank are said to be correct.

Found His Wife Strangled.

Cincinnati, Ohio, January 11.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Shakerstown, Ky., says: William Devine, a highly respected farmer, went home near here Sunday night, after an absence of several hours and found his young wife dead and cold on the floor, her two infant children lying on her breast crying bitterly, finger marks on her throat, the clothing and all the furniture disordered and other signs of a struggle. He ran and gave the alarm. A hunt for the murderer all night and yesterday has been without result.

A Fearful Crime.

Ennis, Tex., Jan. 8.—E. C. Chapman, a well known citizen of this place, was found about 4 o'clock yesterday morning in a dying condition lying on the sidewalk on Main street, near the Houston and Texas Central depot. He lived only a few minutes after being found. His throat was cut. A stab wound and a short gash were in the right side of his neck, and there was a gash four inches long extending from the throat nearly to the left ear. He had bled a great deal. From the blood on the ground it appears that the cuts were inflicted some thirty yards from where he fell. His groans attracted Night Operator E. C. Meredith at the Central, and the night watchman at the Midland. The body was moved to an undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Justices Cochran viewed the remains. A small pocket-knife was found on the body. Deceased was a member of the Elks, and will be buried by that order this evening. He was a brother of J. W. Chapman, of this city, and was unmarried.

Severe Snow Storm.

Lipscomb, Tex., Jan. 5.—The weather has recently been phenomenal. Till Jan. 1 there had been no severe weather. On that date there was a heavy rain and a thunder shower in the early part of the night. About 3 o'clock a. m. of the 2d instant a snow storm from the north began, which lasted for thirty-six hours, and which in intensity of wind and amount of snowfall has hardly a parallel in this section. The snow is now drifted in great banks, which will impede railway and other travel for many days. The amount of snow argues well for the success of the farmer, but stockmen are uneasy. The storm is now over.

Mr. Frank Patton, of Higgins, was recently dragged into insensibility near here by a runaway team, as well as seriously mangled, one arm being broken. He is rapidly recovering.

New Waterworks Company.

Ranger, Tex., Jan. 8.—Ranger has organized a full fledged water works company, consisting of the following gentlemen: G. H. Bohning, president; W. B. Hodges, vice-president; W. C. Moore, secretary; W. H. Hagerman, treasurer.

This will be a chartered company, with a capital stock of \$3000. The citizens are quite enthusiastic over the matter, and most of the stock is already taken up. J. S. Thatcher, a civil engineer of Dallas, was on the ground yesterday, and says Ranger has a natural reservoir that with a thirty-foot dam will contain 50,000,000 gallons of water, giving the town a pressure of a sixty-foot stream.

Legal Contest Looked For.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 8.—T. W. Carlock, the recently elected county attorney, notified all the owners of slot machines to discontinue the use of them, or he would proceed against them legally for violating the law. All of the owners complied with his demand.

Now he has issued a notice to all of the saloonmen to remove the screens and other devices for obstructing the view of the interiors of their places of business, stating that he would take action in the premises should they fail to promptly comply with the law. The saloonmen have not as yet complied, and it is whispered that a legal contest is brewing of no small dimensions.

Child Burned to Death.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 8.—The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. Joseph Thompson, residing on the Dowdy farm, four miles southeast of the city, was burned to death Thursday evening. The child was in the act of placing a few sticks of wood in the large open fireplace when her dress became ignited. She was enveloped in flames before assistance reached her, and died a few hours later, after enduring terrible agony.

Boy Charged With Murder.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 8.—The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against James Louis Shepherd, the 11-year-old boy who is charged with having shot and killed Mary Falk, Dec. 18. The indictment charges him with murder in the second degree. The case is set for Jan. 21.

William Hansen, who was arrested by the police in connection with the Martin murder case, was released yesterday. The grand jury, after hearing all the evidence in the case, promptly returned an order of no true bill.

Madstone Applied.

Bells, Tex., Jan. 8.—Wednesday a calf belonging to Sam Hicks suddenly became furious and ran bawling into the wire fence. The watchdog attacked the calf, and Mrs. Hicks and her 8-year-old son went to the calf's relief. The little boy was bitten nearly through the hand by the dog. Mrs. Hicks received a wire cut on the wrist, which was wet with the saliva from the calf. The dog was shot, the calf died and a madstone was applied to the wounds of both mother and son, and adhered firmly.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

TWO MEN SUPPOSED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE DEED.

Jim Hale, a Young Farmer, Loses His Life as He Was Returning Home—Dogs Were Placed on the Track of the Murderers at Once.

Mineola, Tex., Jan. 9.—Jim Hale, a young farmer living near Quitman, was shot and killed about 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

Hale had been in Quitman Thursday, and had a difficulty with a man who lives there. About 6 o'clock he left for his home on horseback.

The horse reached home, and was found at the lot gate about 10 o'clock with the bridle rein, securely tied around the pommel of the saddle. This excited Young Hale's father, who immediately started for Quitman to look for his son. On the road he called on some of his neighbors, who went with him. When about two miles east of Quitman they found Young Hale lying in the road, shot through the head.

The ball entered the temple, passing through the brain, and came out on the opposite side of the head. He was taken home, and died about 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

A telephone message from Quitman, just received, states that two men on horseback were seen riding hurriedly away from the place where Hale was found immediately after the pistol shot was heard, and one of the horses had been identified. Also that an arrest would be made in a few minutes. Hounds were placed on the trail of the horses, and tracked them by a circuitous route into the town of Quitman.

An Old Veteran Dead.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 9.—John Brannum, a battle-scarred veteran of two wars, died here yesterday morning, after lingering in a helpless condition for eight weeks, aged 83 years. The deceased had fought in the Blackhawk Indian and confederate wars, drawing a pension from the United States government for his services in the former war. He was a master Mason, and will be buried here to-day with the Masonic rites by the Standard lodge, A. F. and A. M., it being his expressed wish that after a lapse of one night he be so interred. The deceased was originally from Tennessee, and moved to Texas several years ago, but had been living here only about two years.

Found Unconscious.

Mexia, Tex., Jan. 9.—An unknown man, supposed to be Louis Schillinga, a spectacle peddler, and a stepson of Mr. Reese, of Dallas, was found about one mile south of town, near the railroad track, yesterday morning by the section men in an unconscious state, having received a blow near the base of the brain, as blood was oozing freely from both ears. He was brought to town and placed in a hotel, where he lingered until 2 p. m., when he expired without ever regaining consciousness.

Marshal Hughes arrested a young man named Webb, claiming to be from Collin county. He is now behind the bars awaiting further developments.

Hurt by a Log.

Terrell, Tex., Jan. 9.—John Wayne, aged about 30 years, was found east of here Thursday with a log lying across his body. He states that he made a fire by some logs and went to sleep. The limbs supporting one of them burned away and it fell on him, making him a prisoner until released by two tramps. He was brought to town by Constable Dave James and placed in charge of the county physician. He is badly injured, but no bones are broken. Wayne's home is in Memphis, Tenn.

Damage Suit.

Ennis, Tex., Jan. 9.—Several months ago two young men, Mr. Reed and George Davis, were working in the rear of a laundry in this city, when a can of gasoline exploded, burning the young men severely. Reed has about recovered, but Davis died a few days afterward from his injuries. W. C. Davis, father of George Davis, has filed suit against the Waters-Pierce Oil company for \$25,000 damages for the death of his son.

Arrested for Murder.

Greenville, Tex., Jan. 9.—A negro named Henry Strange was arrested near Campbell Thursday, who is wanted in Shelby county to answer a charge of murder, the dead man being John Richards, another negro. Strange saw the Shelby county officers coming to the farm where he was working, and ran off. He came in later, however, and surrendered. There is a reward of \$250 for his arrest.

Ice Factory to Start.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 9.—It is stated on good authority that Sherman is to have another ice factory, and that it will be an extensive affair. Ground has already been purchased by Dallas capitalists, who will erect, equip and operate the factory. There is an air of activity generally noticeable in Sherman, and the depression in business is gradually lifting.